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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
FOR ACCELERATED EXAMINATION (MPEP §708.02 VIII)**

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition to make this application special for Accelerated Examination, under MPEP §708.02 VIII (a)-(e).

- (a) The fee of \$130.00 set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(I) is to be paid by charging our Deposit Account as set forth in the accompanying transmittal letter.
- (b) All currently pending claims are directed to a single invention. Please see the enclosed Preliminary Amendment canceling claims 11-12, and 18-20 and amending claim 14. Claims 11-12 and 18-20 are withdrawn without prejudice and may be pursued in a divisional application.
- (c) A pre-examination search was performed by a professional searcher in classes/subclasses 473/282-286, 273/32 B*, 32 R*, 32 A*, 32 D*, 24/3.12*, 3.11*, 303*248/689*, 682*, 309.4*, D21/796, 793. The asterisk denotes that foreign and non-patent literature documents were searched.
- (d) One copy of each document from those searches is enclosed with an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form citing same.

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(e) A discussion of the documents from searches points out, with the particularity required by 37 CFR 1.111 (b) and (c), how the claimed subject matter distinguishes from the documents, follows:

1. Marshall et al. (U.S. Patent 194,306) discloses a folded metal clamp for holding a pen or pencil. Marshall, however, does not teach or suggest a body with “a first aperture adapted to receive a golf club,” as recited in claims 1, 13, and 14.
2. Fernald (U.S. Patent 853, 544) discloses a clamp for holding reins to the dash of a horse wagon. Fernald, however, does not teach or suggest a body with “a first aperture adapted to receive a golf club,” as recited in claims 1, 13, and 14.
3. Madore (U.S. Patent 2,152,897) discloses a magnet clip adapted by use for hairdressers for picking up and holding hairpins. Madore, however, does not teach or suggest a body with “a first aperture adapted to receive a golf club,” as recited in claims 1, 13, and 14.
4. Payne U.S. Patent 2,589,126 discloses a golf club holding clip designed to be attached to the waistband of the user’s trousers. Payne, however, does not teach or suggest a body with a “second aperture adapted to receive a towel,” as recited in claim 1. Further, Payne does not teach or suggest a “second aperture adapted to receive a fastener situated to attach a towel to the clip,” as recited in claim 13. Finally, There is no disclosure in Payne of a clip body which “has a towel attached to it,” as recited in claim 14.
5. Sigler (U.S. Patent 2,738,113) discloses a golf club carrier for the hand carrying of one or more golf clubs. Sigler, however, does not teach or suggest a body with “a first aperture adapted to receive a golf club,” as recited in claims 1, 13, and 14.
6. Loredó (U.S. Patent 2,913,789) discloses a pen and pencil holder for mounting on a shirt or other pocket. Loredó, however, does not teach or suggest a body with “a first aperture adapted to receive a golf club,” as recited in claims 1, 13, and 14.
7. Lewtan et al. (U.S. Patent 3,085,777) discloses a magnetic clipboard. Lewtan, however, does not teach or suggest a body with “a first aperture adapted to receive a golf club,” as recited in claims 1, 13, and 14.

8. Amann (U.S. Patent 3,577,583) discloses a clamp for holding sheet metal. Amann, however, does not teach or suggest a body with “a first aperture adapted to receive a golf club,” as recited in claims 1, 13, and 14.
9. Kollotz (U.S. Patent 3,756,550) discloses a spring clip device comprising two clip bodies and a spring. Kollotz, however, does not teach or suggest a body with “a first aperture adapted to receive a golf club,” as recited in claims 1, 13, and 14.
10. Harding (U.S. Patent 3,861,434) discloses a sock cover for a golf club. Harding, however, does not teach or suggest a body with “a first aperture adapted to receive a golf club,” as recited in claims 1, 13, and 14.
11. Stewart (U.S. Patent 3,938,570) discloses a golf club head cover. Stewart, however, does not teach or suggest body with “a first aperture adapted to receive a golf club,” as recited in claims 1, 13, and 14.
12. Carlson (U.S. Patent 4,100,652) discloses an anchor clip for mounting to the rim of a golf club bag, to which a golf club may be detachably fastened. Carlson, however, does not teach or suggest a body with a “second aperture adapted to receive a towel,” as recited in claim 1. Further, Carlson does not teach or suggest a “second aperture adapted to receive a fastener situated to attach a towel to the clip,” as recited in claim 13. Finally, Carlson does not teach or suggest a clip body which “has a towel attached to it,” as recited in claim 14.
13. Clark (U.S. Patent 4,736,877) discloses a golf accessory holder made from a metal plate. Clark, however, does not teach or suggest a body with “a first aperture adapted to receive a golf club,” as recited in claims 1, 13, and 14.
14. Morrish et al. (U.S. Patent 4,878,276) discloses a spring clip. Morrish, however, does not teach or suggest a body with “a first aperture adapted to receive a golf club,” as recited in claims 1, 13, and 14.
15. Shelby et al. (U.S. Patent 4,901,406) discloses a towel clasp for gripping a towel. Shelby, however, does not teach or suggest a body with “a first aperture adapted to receive a golf club,” as recited in claims 1, 13, and 14.

16. Galbraith (U.S. Patent 4,915,279) discloses a golf club carrying device for attachment to the golfer's belt-line or pocket. Galbraith, however, does not teach or suggest a body with a "second aperture adapted to receive a towel," as recited in claim 1. Further, Galbraith does not teach or suggest a "second aperture adapted to receive a fastener situated to attach a towel to the clip," as recited in claim 13. Finally, Galbraith does not teach or suggest a clip body which "has a towel attached to it," as recited in claim 14.
17. Strahan (U.S. Patent 5,143,371) discloses a golfer's aid which can be attached to the belt, pocket, or waistband. Strahan, however, does not teach or suggest a body with "a first aperture adapted to receive a golf club," as recited in claims 1, 13, and 14.
18. De Marco (U.S. Patent 5,318,292) discloses a springingly urged clamp which can be attached to the golf bag, or any portion of the clothing. The embodiments disclosed show a first and a second pivoting member. De Marco, however, does not teach or suggest a body with "a first aperture adapted to receive a golf club," as recited in claims 1, 13, and 14.
19. Tucker (U.S. Patent 5,332,090) discloses a lightweight molded putter holder for attachment to a golf bag. Tucker, however, does not teach or suggest a body with a "second aperture adapted to receive a towel," as recited in claim 1. Further, Tucker does not teach or suggest a "second aperture adapted to receive a fastener situated to attach a towel to the clip," as recited in claim 13. Finally, Tucker does not teach or suggest a clip body which "has a towel attached to it," as recited in claim 14.
20. Zink (U.S. Patent 5,437,449) discloses a golf club holder and repair tool. Zink, however, does not teach or suggest a body with a "second aperture adapted to receive a towel," as recited in claim 1. Further, Zink does not teach or suggest a "second aperture adapted to receive a fastener situated to attach a towel to the clip," as recited in claim 13. Finally, Zink does not teach or suggest a clip body which "has a towel attached to it," as recited in claim 14.
21. Ludwig (U.S. Patent 5,441,224) discloses a retainer for attaching wiring to objects. Ludwig, however, does not teach or suggest a body with "a first aperture adapted to receive a golf club," as recited in claims 1, 13, and 14.

22. Hirsch (U.S. Patent 5,460,346) discloses a dual purpose clip which can attach an article such as a flashlight to a fixture or clothing. Hirsch discloses a clip for the article such as a flashlight that is removable from the clamp that attaches to a fixture or clothing. Hirsch, however, does not teach or suggest a body with “a first aperture adapted to receive a golf club,” as recited in claims 1, 13, and 14.
23. Diresta (U.S. Patent 5,470,067) discloses a sports practice device including a dispenser having a chamber for retaining at least one projectile. Diresta, however, does not teach or suggest a body with “a first aperture adapted to receive a golf club,” as recited in claims 1, 13, and 14.
24. Nettles (U.S. Patent 5,647,568) discloses an apparatus for attaching a pliable material, such as a towel, to a more rigid structure, such as a golf bag. Nettles, however, does not teach or suggest a body with “a first aperture adapted to receive a golf club,” as recited in claims 1, 13, and 14.
25. Evans (U.S. Patent 5,671,515) discloses a clasp for connecting two items, which can be activated to release the two items from each other. Evans, however, does not teach or suggest a body with “a first aperture adapted to receive a golf club,” as recited in claims 1, 13, and 14.
26. Brewster (U.S. Patent 5,799,853) discloses a portable caddy for carrying small golfing items in such a manner that they may be removed and returned to specific holding portions in the caddy. Brewster, however, does not teach or suggest a body with “a first aperture adapted to receive a golf club,” as recited in claims 1, 13, and 14.
27. Stone (U.S. Patent 5,820,095) discloses a removeably mounted mountable holder device operable to permit mounting of a writing implement on almost any surface. Stone, however, does not teach or suggest a body with “a first aperture adapted to receive a golf club,” as recited in claims 1, 13, and 14.
28. Amato (U.S. Patent 5,820,476) discloses a golf putter leveling system including a shoe level adapted for securement to a shaft of a golfing putter. Amato, however, does not teach or suggest a body with a “second aperture adapted to receive a towel,” as recited in claim 1. Further, Amato does not teach or suggest a “second aperture adapted to receive a fastener situated to attach a towel to the clip,” as recited in claim 13. Finally,

Amato does not teach or suggest a clip body which “has a towel attached to it,” as recited in claim 14.

29. Cline et al. (U.S. Patent 5,820,479) discloses a golf club holder. Cline, however, does not teach or suggest a body with a “second aperture adapted to receive a towel,” as recited in claim 1. Further, Cline does not teach or suggest a “second aperture adapted to receive a fastener situated to attach a towel to the clip,” as recited in claim 13. Finally, Cline does not teach or suggest a clip body which “has a towel attached to it,” as recited in claim 14.
30. Keely (U.S. Patent 5,941,487) discloses a retainer for holding eyeglasses. Keely, however, does not teach or suggest a body with a “second aperture adapted to receive a towel,” as recited in claim 1. Further, Keely does not teach or suggest a “second aperture adapted to receive a fastener situated to attach a towel to the clip,” as recited in claim 13. Finally, Keely does not teach or suggest a clip body which “has a towel attached to it,” as recited in claim 14.
31. Tate (U.S. Patent 6,176,792) discloses combination golf divot repair tool and golf putting practice aid. Tate, however, does not teach or suggest a body with a “second aperture adapted to receive a towel,” as recited in claim 1. Further, Tate does not teach or suggest a “second aperture adapted to receive a fastener situated to attach a towel to the clip,” as recited in claim 13. Finally, Tate does not teach or suggest a clip body which “has a towel attached to it,” as recited in claim 14.
32. Holub (U.S. Patent 6,270,424) discloses a device for protecting a putter head and repairing ball marks. Holuh, however, does not teach or suggest a body with a “second aperture adapted to receive a towel,” as recited in claim 1. Further, Holuh does not teach or suggest a “second aperture adapted to receive a fastener situated to attach a towel to the clip,” as recited in claim 13. Finally, Holuh does not teach or suggest a clip body which “has a towel attached to it,” as recited in claim 14.
33. Elliott (U.S. Patent Application Publication US2001/0037542 A1) discloses a device for releasably attaching a towel to clothing of a user. Elliott, however, does not teach or suggest a body with “a first aperture adapted to receive a golf club,” as recited in claims 1, 13, and 14.

34. Tucker (U.S. Patent Des. 306,056) discloses an ornamental design for a golf club holder. Tucker, however, does not teach or suggest a body with a "second aperture adapted to receive a towel," as recited in claim 1. Further, Tucker does not teach or suggest a "second aperture adapted to receive a fastener situated to attach a towel to the clip," as recited in claim 13. Finally, Tucker does not teach or suggest a clip body which "has a towel attached to it," as recited in claim 14.
35. Parker, Jr. (U.S. Patent Des. 348, 712) discloses an ornamental design for an attachable golf club holder. Parker, however, does not teach or suggest a body with a "second aperture adapted to receive a towel," as recited in claim 1. Further, Parker does not teach or suggest a "second aperture adapted to receive a fastener situated to attach a towel to the clip," as recited in claim 13. Finally, Parker does not teach or suggest a clip body which "has a towel attached to it," as recited in claim 14.
36. Rumpel (U.S. Patent Des. 361,506) discloses an ornamental design for a Christmas light clip. Rumpel, however, does not teach or suggest a body with a "second aperture adapted to receive a towel," as recited in claim 1. Further, Rumpel does not teach or suggest a "second aperture adapted to receive a fastener situated to attach a towel to the clip," as recited in claim 13. Finally, Rumpel does not teach or suggest a clip body which "has a towel attached to it," as recited in claim 14.
37. Sowers (U.S. Patent Des. 364,912) discloses an ornamental design for a golf club holder. Sowers, however, does not teach or suggest a body with a "second aperture adapted to receive a towel," as recited in claim 1. Further, Sowers does not teach or suggest a "second aperture adapted to receive a fastener situated to attach a towel to the clip," as recited in claim 13. Finally, Sowers does not teach or suggest a clip body which "has a towel attached to it," as recited in claim 14.
38. Fleck (U.S. Patent Des. 375,453) discloses an ornamental design for a Christmas light holder. Fleck, however, does not teach or suggest a body with a "second aperture adapted to receive a towel," as recited in claim 1. Further, Fleck does not teach or suggest a "second aperture adapted to receive a fastener situated to attach a towel to the clip," as recited in claim 13. Finally, Fleck does not teach or suggest a clip body which "has a towel attached to it," as recited in claim 14.

39. Rumpel (U.S. Patent Des. 380,145) discloses an ornamental design for clip for mini christmas lights. Rumpel, however, does not teach or suggest a body with a "second aperture adapted to receive a towel," as recited in claim 1. Further, Rumpel does not teach or suggest a "second aperture adapted to receive a fastener situated to attach a towel to the clip," as recited in claim 13. Finally, Rumpel does not teach or suggest a clip body which "has a towel attached to it," as recited in claim 14.

40. Hsu et al. (U.S. Patent Des. 398,688) discloses an ornamental design for a golf club holder. Hsu, however, does not teach or suggest a body with a "second aperture adapted to receive a towel," as recited in claim 1. Further, Hsu does not teach or suggest a "second aperture adapted to receive a fastener situated to attach a towel to the clip," as recited in claim 13. Finally, Hsu does not teach or suggest a clip body which "has a towel attached to it," as recited in claim 14.

41. Cole et al. (U.S. Patent Des. 401,296) discloses an ornamental design for a golf divot replacement tool. Cole, however, does not teach or suggest a body with a "second aperture adapted to receive a towel," as recited in claim 1. Further, Cole does not teach or suggest a "second aperture adapted to receive a fastener situated to attach a towel to the clip," as recited in claim 13. Finally, Cole does not teach or suggest a clip body which "has a towel attached to it," as recited in claim 14.

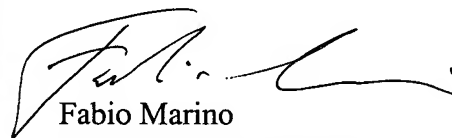
Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the invention of claims 1-10 and 13-17 is patentable over the prior references discussed above and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner's next action is other than the allowance of all pending claim, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 453-9200.

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